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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO AIRLINES ON FOREIGN FIGHTERS - YEMENIA  
RESPONSE

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Classified By: DCM Angie Bryan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (U) PolOff presented reftel PowerPoint to Capt. Abdul  
Kalek Al-kadi, chairman of Yemenia Airways, on February 2.  
The captain assured PolOff of all cooperation possible in  
this area.

¶2. (S) Al-kadi prefaced the meeting by saying that the ROYG  
and Yemenia Airways were already taking steps to deal with  
this issue. Specifically, he mentioned that all flights to  
Damascus are scrutinized and if a passenger (especially young  
males traveling alone or in small groups) is found to be  
traveling to Damascus without sufficient reason, he is denied  
travel. Post can not independently verify this.

¶3. (S) After the presentation, Al-kadi once again stressed  
the measures already being taken by the ROYG and Yemenia and  
assured PolOff of Yemenia's willingness to cooperate further.  
When asked about sharing of API/PNR data, the captain said  
that Yemenia already provides this type of information to the  
ROYG and indicated that Yemenia would be willing to cooperate  
with the US as long as we coordinate through the ROYG.  
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